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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 22, 2007 in the above-identified patent application (hereinafter referred to as "Office Action"). A separate petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.